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### **CEAC and EDD honor nine employers for hiring, training and promoting veterans**

CITY OF INDUSTRY– Nine California employers who give top priority to hiring, training and promoting veterans were honored with the nineteenth annual Governor’s Veterans Employer of the Year Awards at a luncheon today at the Pacific Palms Conference Resort here hosted by the California Employer Advisory Council (CEAC) and the state Employment Development Department (EDD).

The awards went to private businesses, nonprofit organizations and government employers in recognition of their continuing commitment to veterans. The employers reach out to veterans, including those with disabilities, and provide them not only with jobs but with the opportunity to learn new skills and to move up the career ladder.

“These employers have recognized that a veteran makes a great employee – skilled, dedicated and disciplined,” said EDD Director Patrick Henning. “They have gone the extra mile on behalf of the men and women who are willing to go in harm’s way to protect their fellow citizens. In the process, these employers have not only provided jobs for veterans – they have also acquired workers who will prove to be valuable assets for their organizations.”

“It is an honor for the CEAC to partner with the state in acknowledging the dedicated employers who recognize the value of veterans to the country and the workplace,” said Frances Laskey, president of the CEAC. “It is these employers who are the unsung heroes in the eyes of California veterans.”

The CEAC is a nonprofit organization representing more than 50 local Employer Advisory Councils throughout the state. EDD staff and the employer volunteers who serve on the local councils work together to promote workforce development, provide scholarships for local youth, support veterans programs and inform employers about EDD services.

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The 2005 Employer of the Year Awards went to the following employers.

**Private Small Business**

New Directions, Inc., Los Angeles  
Landmark Protection, Inc., San Jose  
Camino Real Career School, La Puente

**Private Large Business**

Vinnell Corporation/Northrup Grumman Company, Fort Irwin  
The Home Depot, Inc., Tustin  
PRIDE Industries, Roseville

**Government/Public Sector**

City of Long Beach  
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, San Francisco  
Veterans Industries/Compensated Work Therapy Program, Menlo Park

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